

DOCKET NO: 290753US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YUTAKA TOKIWA : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE  
SERIAL NO: 10/578,331 :  
FILED: MAY 4, 2006 :  
FOR: METHOD OF DECOMPOSING :  
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE :  
RESIN :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Communication of March 1, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.